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IMMEDIATE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

1. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] REPORTING, [REDACTED]  
WAS CALLED [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL IN THE SANTIAGO  
AREA HAD BEEN MEETING FOR SOME TIME AT THE ACADEMY AND HAD  
BEEN WORKING WITH A HIGH RANKING MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN  
TRYING TO EXERT FORCE ON FREI TO ELIMINATE GEN. SCHNEIDER TO  
EITHER REPLACE HIM, SEND HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THEY HAD  
EVEN STUDIED PLANS TO KIDNAP HIM. SCHNEIDER IS THE MAIN  
BARRIER TO ALL PLANS FOR THE MILITARY TO TAKE OVER THE  
GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT AN ALLENDE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] ASKED IF  
IT WAS POSSIBLE TO INVITE SCHNEIDER TO THE UNITED STATES OR  
PERHAPS ASCERTAIN IF HE COULD BE INVITED TO [REDACTED] ONCE  
SCHNEIDER WERE OUT OF THE WAY, GEN. CARLOS PRATS COULD COMMAND  
THE ARMY WITH GEN. CANALES AS CHIEF OF STAFF. WITH THIS  
COMBINATION THEY CAN CLEAR COMMUNISM OUT OF CHILE.
3. [REDACTED] ALSO WANTED [REDACTED] TO TALK TO [REDACTED] TO  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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4.

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[REDACTED] SAID THAT IF THEY FIND THE RIGHT MOMENT THEY INTEND TO PUSH IT UP, HOPING THAT GEN. PRATS WILL ACCEPT THEIR OFFER TO COMMAND THE ARMY. [REDACTED] ASKED IF THE U.S. WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP THEM WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED SMALL AUTOMATIC WEAPONS IF THEY NEEDED THEM IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

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5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE OFFICERS IN THE WAR ACADEMY ARE THE "CREAM OF THE CROP"; IN ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES THIS IS WHERE THE PLANS ARE FORMULATED. THEY ALWAYS HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH UNITS IN SANTIAGO AREA AND THIS IS A GROUP OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE MORE TO LOSE THAN ANYBODY ELSE BECAUSE OF THE GREATER POSSIBILITY OF ADVANCEMENT IN THE SERVICE. PLANS FROM THE WAR ACADEMY WOULD BE WELL FORMULATED AND

[REDACTED]

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MORE SURE OF AFFIRMATIVE RESULTS THAN ANY OTHERS.

6. RE SMALL ARMS:—PROBABLY NEEDED FOR THE OFFICERS OF THE ACADEMY. OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF AND KEY PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE SENT AS LIAISON AND COORDINATORS TO UNITS WHO COME FROM SUCH PLACES AS HEADQUARTERS AND SCHOOLS WHO ARE NOT ISSUED SMALL ARMS. [REDACTED]

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